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# THE CHRISTIAN REQUIREMENT

**Archie H. Hook**
**Superintendent and Minister**

"The Christian requirement is total allegiance to Jesus Christ in doing the loving will of God."

An observation on the series of six Association meetings recently held might well underline the fact that lay leaders and ministers in our Conference are evidencing a real zeal for the cause of Christ, for total allegiance. All seek to serve a worthy Cause and to follow a noble Leader. The Christian Church provides a Cause and the Leader. A recent meditation in our fall Daily Devotions points up rather forcefully that most Christians are only part-time Christians. What is needed are "habitual Christians." Christian living is not a part-time occupation.

In the foreward of a novel just published, it is said that Africans generally believe in the existence of God, a Supreme Being, the creator and dispenser of all things. But they do not worship Him until goaded to it by missionaries, preferring to leave Him alone and not draw His attention to themselves for fear of angering Him. For the word "Africans" substitute the word "Americans" and re-read this statement. If this is true it could well be a handle for us to take hold of—the need of presenting the loving will of God to those who believe but who are not worshipping.

The time is always ripe for enlisting new Christians into our churches, but NOW with many and varied programs taking place in the local churches and with special seasons of the church year looming in the near future, is an especially appropriate time to enlist others to share with us total allegiance to Jesus Christ and the church. The growth of a church depends upon the magnetism of love manifested by its members—upon fellow Christians inviting others into the church of the living God.

Jesus offers a Cause big enough to demand our all and His leadership is supreme. He says that a man must "give up all right to himself, carry his cross every day, and keep close behind me." This is J. B. Phillips' translation of Luke 9:23.

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# The Changing World

The Rev. Franklin Forrester of Deer Park looking over future business district of Uranium City

From 1838 to 1956 is not a long time as the calendar of the ages goes, but a tremendous lot of changes can take place in that length of time. In the case of Tshimakain and Uranium City the change is from the ancient culture of the Spokane Indians to the latest splurge of the atomic age.

Tshimakain and Uranium City are just old and new names for the same place.

Pictured on the cover of this issue of the Congregational Way is a picture of the monument commemorating the ten years that the Eells and the Walkers, Cushing and Elkanah respectively, spent among the Spokane Indians, with headquarters on a stream "above the Little Spokane", known as Tshimakain.

Here the two dedicated couples lived for ten years, teaching and preaching to the Spokane Indians while tilling the soil to grow sustenance for themselves and their fast growing families. This is the starting place of the vast work these men were to do in the establishing of the church in the Northwest. Cushing Eells is, without doubt exhibit A for what today we call "Church Extension". It is hard to find a church in Eastern Washington that does not have the name of Cushing Eells in its historical annals somewhere.

Change the scene to 1956. One is hard put to find a Spokane Indian anywhere around. Instead there is hurrying and scurrying, the sound of earth moving machinery, hammers,, saws, and even helicopters making trips into the "Uranium Country". For this element of atomic power has been found in the mountains above the stream "above the Little Spokane".

What was once Tshimakain, then, is now Uranium City. On the map a reader will find only the location of Ford, Washington, south of Springdale in Northern Spokane County. Ford is bordered on both sides by Tshimakain and Uranium City, caught between the old and the new, and has little in common with either.

The developer of Uranium City, a fine gentleman by the name of Earl Hawk, says that Uranium City will become historic in the Northwest. But he is nearly 120 years too late. History moves up the road less than a mile, and settles attention on the Tshimakain monument. For here history, the kind that lasts, has a real story. It is the story of men and women of courage and devotion, and the beginning of a remarkable ministry—beginning with Spokane Indians, and later spreading to the entire Pacific Northwest. Many churches, Pacific University, Whitman College, and many other achievements followed, but Tshimakain is the foundation stone.

Uranium City will have to go a long way to match it.

Another thought surely occurs—if Cushing Eells were with us today he would surely think of some way to carry the Christian message to the new families in Uranium City!

## RABBI "BILL"

"I am glad to have you as one of y relatives", were the words spok- n to the leader of the Friday night esper Service at one of our Senior igh camps. The speaker at this esper Service was Rabbi William nderson. The one who made the mark was the Chaplain of this eek at summer camp, the Rever- d George Helliwell.

These words perhaps best describe e experience of the young people nd faculty members who had the rivilege of getting to know our ewish neighbors through the pres- nce of a Jewish Rabbi at each of ur Senior High Camps this year. hanks to the cooperation and help f the Jewish Chautauqua Society of ew York City, Rabbi Raphael Le- ine of Seattle and Rabbi William nderson of Spokane were able to are in a week at camp with us.

For many of the campers in at- endance this was the first personal ontact with a religious leader of e Jewish faith, but all hope it will ot be the last. Through classes, in- rmal discussions and times of soul earching in trying to think through ur religious faith the young people f our summer camps this year ame to discover the deeper mean- ngs of their Christian faith as they talked with their Jewish neighbors.

In the picture above we see "Rabbi "Bill" leading the Sabbath Eve Service at N-Sid-Sen. These two outstanding religious leaders helped make the week at camp the most wonderful week in the year for many a Congregational Christian young person.

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## A Word From The Editor

As you examine this issue of the Congregational Way you will discover that it contains a great deal of information about our Church Extension program. Your Editor has requested the Church Extension Department to furnish this information for he feels that this program is the most significant single project in which the churches of the Washington Congregational Christian Conference have ever become involved.

This issue of the Congregational Way has been prepared and written during our fall round of Association Meetings. Your Editor has had the privilege of visiting in Moses Lake, Westview, Federal Way as well as being personally involved in the Pilgrim Firs project and as a member of the Eastgate Church. He is convinced that Church Extension is more than a $600,000 fund drive, but instead it is people, boys and girls who will not be reached by the message of the Christian Church unless we as Congregational Christians do our share. Church Extension is something that is nice to talk about; but even more important it is something that we can do something about.

Your Editor suggests that some Sunday morning why not visit one of the churches that we are establishing through our Church Extension work. He knows that you would be welcome at Eastgate, Westview, Mesa, Eltopia, Richland or Pilgrim Firs. On the other hand, if you don't wish to catch the Church Extension fever, perhaps you had better stay at home; for he will guarantee you that it is contagious. JHG.

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All subscriptions to the Congregational Way expire with the next issue. Renew yours at once. Club rate is 50c per year; others $1.00. Won't you help your church secure a club rate. Speak to your minister today.

## The Lincoln Heights Story

Our Lincoln Heights Church (Spokane) learned that it is to be made a $12,500 loan and a $2500 grant from the Board of Home Missions at their September meeting. The Rev. James W. Montgomery says that this will make it possible to break ground in the early spring on the first unit of a new church. The sanctuary with a basement social hall and kitchen will be built first. There is a great future for the Lincoln Heights church.

On September 9th Dr. Jackson E. Smith directed a most successful campaign for capital funds. This church which has no doctor, lawyer, or teacher and only two businessmen, pledged $31,000. The people responded to the idea that they pledge a tithe of their annual income and take three years to pay it in. The members at Lincoln Heights really want a new church. The present building will be used for Christian education until the second and third units can be built.

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## Installation:

The Broadview Community Church of the Evangelical and Reformed installed the Reverend James O. Gilliom as the new pastor on Sunday, September 23. This installation service marked another milestone in our cooperation with the E. & R. Church. Dr. Archie H. Hook, Conference Minister and Superintendent shared in the service by bringing the greetings of our Congregational Christian Churches. Evangelical and Reformed leaders who were present for the service included the Reverend T. H. Van Dyck, President of the West Coast area of Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Reverend A. H. Elshoff, President of Pacific Northwest Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The Broadview Church has worked closely with the Washington Congregational Christian Conference during its most recent interim period. Mr. Rex Jordan, Chairman of the Conference Board of Directors, gave liberally of his time and talent in helping the church to strengthen its local program. We wish them well in this new era under the leadership of Mr. Gilliom.

## Seattle Association Studies Race Relations

As a result of the informal poll taken last winter the Seattle Association Race Relations Committee uncovered the fact that of over 9,000 Congregationalists in our 27 Association churches, there were only 20 non-white members and over 40 non-whites attending our churches. This does not include the membership of our Japanese Congregational Church.

The Race Relations Committee is now working on a new project which will help us analyze our own attitudes, as church-goers, toward people of races other than our own. With the help of Dr. Stuart Dodd, Director of the Public Opinion Laboratory of the University of Washington, this questionnaire will be standardized so that the results may be analyzed and interpreted. It will be brief and can be administered in our churches on a Sunday morning. Dr. Galen Weaver of our national Race Relations Department has expressed his interest in the outcome of this project, and it is the hope of the Committee that this questionnaire may prove useful to other churches and areas.

There are ten members of the Race Relations Committee, representing ten different churches in our Association. The regular meeting time of the Committee is the fourth Tuesday of each month, and anyone in our Seattle Association interested in the work of this Committee would be welcomed at the meetings. Mrs. Clyde Reid is serving as chairman of this group.

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## Recognition:

**John R. Branden,** September 30, 1956, Warden. Sermon, Archie H. Hook. Other parts by Edward Schmidt, William Berney, Thomas W. Bibb, Edward Jeske, F. William Westwood, Stephen E. Ayers, Albert Hausauer, Earl Longanecker, Richard England.

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# THE OUTREACH OF THE CHURCH

**A Midseason Report on the Great Adventure of Church Extension**

Rev. Elmer Hostetler, Mesa pastor, at altar set up in old Mesa school. Background is old painted roll-up stage curtain.

## THE STORY BEGINS

May, 1955. The scene—University Congregational Church. Setting—the Washington Congregational Christian Conference in annual meeting assembled.

That was an annual meeting to remember, for it was there and then that something big came into being. First it was an idea. It was an idea born out of the dynamic nature of the moving Northwest area. Stated simply it was "the Church must expand to meet the expanding Pacific Northwest."

Then came the question, how is a big idea implemented? This, incidentally, is where many grand ideas bog down. But the Washington Conference went right ahead, and without flinching or crying aloud, said, "This is a $600,000 idea! We will rise up, tackle a great big job. We will take five years at it and build up a fund to make a real impact upon our Conference area. This is the time to establish new churches—we shall start them!"

A big—20 man committee was set up, a director was put on the job, and the adventure was under way.

## What The Program Aims To Do

The Church Extension Program of the Washington Congregational Christian Conference is an ambitious one. It seeks to make it possible to establish new community type Churches wherever such a church can fulfill a genuine need. The Washington-Northern Idaho Council of Churches has ample facilities to determine where these needs are in the fast growing Columbia Basin and expanding metropolises of the Conference area. The problem is to provide the resources to launch new churches. That is where the $600,000 revolving fund comes in.

Scene taken at night on new church site at Moses Lake. Here John Gibson of the Conference Staff and Richard Ballard, chairman of the new church committee at Moses Lake chew apples while discussing plans for launching the new church.

Every new church must begin with a parcel of ground, a parsonage, some kind of a building unit, and program aid enough to assure the new church a solvent beginning. That all adds up to quite a sum of money. Most of it, of course, will be paid back into the fund to build churches of the future.

Once it was said that the program would likely establish ten new churches in the conference. Now nobody is quite sure what the future holds. For there is no reason for stopping at such a fixed figure as ten. This is an expanding area, and if needs multiply, the conference has begun something that will multiply along with them.

Besides all this, there is Pilgrim Firs. That project is something special. Church Extension funds—many of them special gifts by interested individuals—have made it possible to establish a top grade, useable, inspiring conference center that will mean much to the growing life of our conference.

Church plans examined by members of Mesa building committee. From left to right, Lloyd Russell, chairman, Henry Cummings, and Kenneth Dorman.

## How Far Have We Come?

The program has been in operation, going full steam ahead, for 16 months now. Should be time to give an accounting of the program. Just how far along are we?

Let us take the financial picture first. To date, the program has realized $59,832.41. Sounds like a long way from $600,000—doesn't it? And it is. But this, of course, represents actual cash contributions thus far in the **first** year of the five year program. So it is not out of bounds to suggest that this amount is a **good start.** There are still $29,000 in collectable pledges from churches that have pledged to the fund in 1956. Also there are churches that have not pledged that are contributing to the fund. Prediction for 1956—between $90,000 and $100,000 will be contributed to the fund. **Needed each year—$120,000.**

Paul Seibert, (center) Seattle advertising man and co-chairman (with Paul Sutley) of the Conference Church Extension Committee, presents a new publicity angle for consideration of the committee. Other members of the committee pictured here are Tex Brown, Spokane; Ernest Yarrow and Walter Williams, Seattle; and Ted Hastings, Tacoma.

Where does this money come from? Answer: from exactly 55 of the churches of the conference. Which represents approximately **half** of the churches of the conference. It would be interesting to speculate where the program would be if the percentage of participating churches were higher. The Church Extension committee will work on this, for it represents the margin of success in the campaign.

Mesa families at Worship in shored up school room.

Interested in the list of churches who are participating? Here they are: Aberdeen, Almira, Arlington, Bellingham, Blaine, Carnation, Colville, Eastgate, Eltopia, Everett, Ferndale, Hockinson, Kellogg, Kirkland, Lakeview, Lewiston (Federated), Lewiston Orchards, Loon Lake, Lowell, Malden, Mesa, Monroe, Newport, Odessa Olympia, Pasco, Peshastin, Pleasant Valley, Plummer, Port Angeles, Richland, Richmond Beach; Seattle Churches: Alki, Columbia, Fairmount, Fauntleroy,

LeRoy Eide, gets real attention from this group of Richland men during training sessions prior to the Building Fund Canvass held March 18.

Green Lake, Japanese, Keystone, Magnolia, Pilgrim, Plymouth, Prospect, University, and West Seattle. Spokane churches: Hillyard, Westminster and Westview. Suquamish, Sylvan, Tacoma (First), Vancouver, Veradale, Warden, Winslow and Yakima.

Now, what about the program itself? What is happening on the field?

Shortly—these things have been done or are in the process: Pilgrim Firs has been built into a fine conference center, and has already enjoyed a summer of camping and is in use nearly every week end. It is not yet complete, but seven cabins, a lodge and dining hall, and a water system have been realized.

New churches are now in operation in Richland, Mesa, Eltopia, Westview (Spokane) and Eastgate (Seattle's Eastside).

The families at Westview worship in the classroom of the brand new Westview school.

Primary class meeting in basement room of abandoned school building in Mesa.

**What is Next in Church Extension?**

Well, first off, there is Moses Lake. Things are ready to move there, and will get under way as soon as Extension funds will allow. Several introductory meetings have been held there, a survey has been made, and the Board of Home Missions of the denomination has named it as an official project.

Second, there is Federal Way. Little has been done there, for it, too, awaits sufficient funds. But it is definitely on the schedule.

Third, Othello. This is an allocation assigned to us by the Washington Council of Churches. Work here awaits the availability of funds.

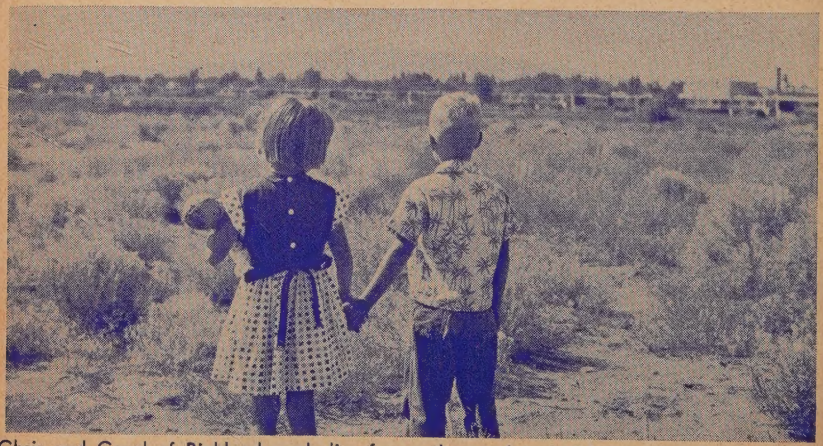
Fourth—perhaps we had better not mention sites and places, for plans and visions may change. Washington is on the move, and the Church Extension program moves with it. This is a program designed to meet opportunities as they arise.

**Lest We Forget.**

No report on Church Extension would be complete with a simple listing of finances and new churches. For it is not as easy as all this. For the fact is that this great program has gone forward at real cost. It is a venture of faith—tremendous faith. Right at this moment the Church Extension fund is $40,000 in the hole! Funds have not been sufficient to do the tasks that the magnificence of the program demanded. The Board of Directors of the conference—magnificent folks all—have wrestled long and hard with the problem of how to carry on the big work during this first year when demands are highest and income lowest.

Their answer was always the same—faith. They have faith in the rightness of the program and they have faith in the Christian vision of the churches of the Washington Conference. The conference has therefore dug into every possible resource, and then some—meaning that it has had to borrow money—just to make sure that the Church Extension program moved on. The Board of Directors knows that when churches respond fully, and other years come along, that its faith will be fully justified.

This is Church Extension for sure—for every new church is an **adventure in faith.**



Chris and Carol of Richland symbolize for us the need to build new churches. We must make certain that the church is in the future for all these Chrises and Carols of Richland, Westview, Eastgate, Mesa, Eltopia, Moses Lake, and wherever we have the privilege of beginning a new church.

# MEMORIAL CHAPEL AT MAGNOLIA

The William Semar Memorial Chapel in the new facilities of the Magnolia Congregational Church is completed and in use. Furnished as a memorial to Mr. Semar, it is both beautiful and worshipful. The wall to wall carpet is in a green color to blend with the blue-green walls. The pews, altar, pulpit and organ are in a "desert rose" finish of Appalachian oak. The altar furnishings are in polished brass. The dossal curtain is white and gold with a border of red.

This little worship room, seating about 50 people, will be used for small weddings, baptisms, memorial services, etc., in addition to serving as a worship room for the children and young people of the church. According to the new church educational and worship program it is used by at least six different groups each Sunday:—two church school groups at each of the two sessions of the church school and by two youth groups on Sunday evening. It will also be available at all times during the week for those who wish to drop in for a few moments of quiet worship and meditation.

The church school and youth program is starting off enthusiastically this fall under the temporary leadership of Mrs. Helen Kincaid, formerly of the Washington Council of Churches and women's and youth leader of renown. She will be with the local church until November 1st when Anne P. Smith, the new minister of Christian Education, will arrive to take over that leadership. The two sessions of the church school—at 9:30 and 11:00 A.M.,—are identical and offer classes for all ages from the Crib level through Junior High ages. An adult Bible Study group meets on Wednesday evenings and a High School class is being planned.

Another popular innovation since the completion of the new facilities has been the "Coffee Hour," held in the new parlor after each of the morning services, when guests, members and friends visit for a few minutes over a cup of coffee.

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## Joint Ministry At Ione And Metaline Falls

The Ione Congregational Church in mutual agreement with the Metaline Falls Congregational Church, unanimously voted to call the Reverend Al Phillips to serve them with services of worship each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and part time pastoral care. The Ione Church, located just south of Metaline Falls, has been without a regular pastor since last June. Mr. Phillips will serve Ione while continuing his ministry living in Metaline Falls. Both the Metaline Falls and Ione Church look forward to years of progress under Mr. Phillips' leadership.

# THE EVERETT MIRACLE

Gathered on the steps of the present church are the eighty canvassers who shared in the calling for the capital funds project in Everett. The present church will be razed when the second unit is built in from three to five years.

The week of September 10 to 16 will long be remembered in the Everett Congregational Church. For four evenings eighty men were trained under the leadership of LeRoy Eide, Associate Director of Church Finance of our National Office of Church Extension and Evangelism. One Sunday afternoon, the 16th, calls were made in the homes of the members and friends of the Everett Church to secure the pledges to finance the first step in the erection of a new sanctuary and educational plant. That afternoon and on succeeding evenings of follow-up calls over $80,000 was pledged to this project. The securing of these pledges will make possible a beginning for the erection of this complete new building.

The overall cost of the new church home is estimated by the architects to be around $300,000. The unit to be erected first will contain the sanctuary, social hall, offices ,parlor or chapel and mechanical room. This unit will be connected on to the present building which will stand until it can be razed to build the second unit, the educational wing of the completed new building. It is hoped that this will be done in three to five years. The entire present structure will be used for educational, social and youth activities in the interim period. Estimated cost of the first unit will be around $175,000.

The building drive was conducted under the leadership of Derrel Cederblom and Guy Dickie. Our hats are off to both of these gentlemen along with LeRoy Eide, the eighty men who went out on the canvass, the Reverend Emrys Thomas, minister of the church, and all the members of the Everett Church who are sharing so fully in this tremendous undertaking.

## May, 1957, Set as Concluding Date for Extension Fund Campaign

The Church Extension Committee and the Conference Board of Directors have concurred in announcing that every effort will be made to bring the campaign phase of the Church Extension program to a successful conclusion by the time of the annual meeting of the conference in May, 1957.

The thinking behind this rather momentous decision was the simple fact that it was felt that the churches of the conference could well make their commitments to the fund by that time. It was felt that a great amount of promotion and cultivation has been accomplished to date, and that it is now time to turn it all into commitments for the period through 1960.

The task of the Church Extension committee, then, is now well drawn. Every church that has not given indication that it will participate in the program will be contacted by the members of the committee and urged to face squarely the issue of Church Extension.

It is anticipated, then, that the report of the Extension Committee at annual meeting time will be one of victory.

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## Summer Conference Leadership

At the last meeting of the Conference Christian Education Committee the Summer Conference Schedule for 1957 was approved and Deans selected. The number of conferences scheduled for next summer is even more ambitious than this year and again will result in record numbers of young people present at N-Sid-Sen and Pilgrim Firs for a week at camp. One of the very real problems that our Summer Conference program must face is that of recruiting leadership. Staff personnel is the key to further expansion of our camping program.

Your Conference Christian Education Committee is turning to our churches that send young people to both N-Sid-Sen and Pilgrim Firs for such leadership. A ratio of one adult leader for every six to eight young people is considered necessary. **Every church which sends campers should be responsible for furnishing at least one leader for each six to eight young people it sends.** Did your church do its share this year? What about next year?

Every reader of the Congregational Way is urged to send names and addresses of prospective leaders to the Conference Office, in care of the Christian Education Committee. Counselors, teachers, nurses and lifeguards are all needed. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to make our Summer Conference program more effective.

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## Watch For New Magazine

Beginning in October, the Missions Council began publishing a new magazine entitled **Mission Today,** which will take the place of both **Facts from the Field** and the **Envelope Series.** It will be issued six times a year, every other month.

The aim of the magazine will be to keep Our Christian World Mission alive in every one of our churches, and to enlist the wholehearted support of all our members for the mission program.

The publication will be directed particularly to ministers and others in the local churches and conferences who are concerned with stewardship and missionary education. It will include facts, personal interest stories and interpretation of our mission work at home and abroad, as well as program plans and ideas, news about materials that are available and promotional projects that have proved successful.

Three copies of **Mission Today** will be mailed to all ministers, and additional copies may be requested. If you are an association or conference chairman of Stewardship or Missionary Education, or a local church chairman, do send a card to the Missions Council, 14 Beacon St., Boston 8, Mass., and ask them to put your name on the mailing list.

—Pauline C. Gates, editor.

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The Reverend W. E. Rigby, a former minister of the Everett Church died on October 1, 1956 at the age of 88. He was pastor of the Everett Church in 1904 when the church was located on Cedar Street. The Reverend Mr. Thomas conducted his memorial service.

# CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In the formative years of the Republic the Congregational Churches, the second oldest church fellowship in our country, made significant contribution to our national well-being. They did this by their emphasis on individual responsibility for Christian duty to secure and to maintain freedom of thought and action, for education, for missions, and for community and national welfare.

Later when the Christian Church united with the Congregational Churches they brought their own significant contribution of similar interests in religious journalism, education, missions, and the same emphasis in behalf of vital religion and good citizenship. Now that our General Council has decided that for the future we are to join hands and hearts with the great Evangelical and Reformed Church, there rests upon the Congregational Christian fellowship continuing responsibility that our inheritance and our traditional forms of Christian service be kept alive and vigorous and that we contribute to our united life those qualities of individual and group understandings and purposes that actuated the founding Fathers. Our national life needs those qualities of mind and heart that the Fathers believed and we believe are necessary to a sound national existence. Our times make clear that the same qualities that constitute the foundation of our inheritance are critically needed in our national and international life today. We have a contribution to make to the United Church.

The Congregational Christian Historical Society was established to assist in the preservation of our inheritance that we might draw from the experience of the Fathers, instruction and inspiration for our own day, that we of this generation render in some like measure good counsel and encouragement to our people as did our Fathers in their day.

This Society has been approved by formal vote of the General Council and is supported by the Council, the American Board, the Board of Home Missions, the State Conferences. These agencies provide half of the Society's small budget of $7,000.00 The Society looks to the churches and to interested individuals for the other half of the funds to continue its valuable and necessary services.

Churches are cordially invited to become sustaining members of the Society with a minimum contribution of $10.00 per year, and individuals $5.00. Smaller contributions are welcome and such contributors become associates of the Society. The Society needs at least fifty more sustaining churches and one hundred more individual members.

For copies of the quarterly News Letter and other material write to: The Congregational Christian Historical Society, Room 56, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

—Frederick L. Fagley, Secretary

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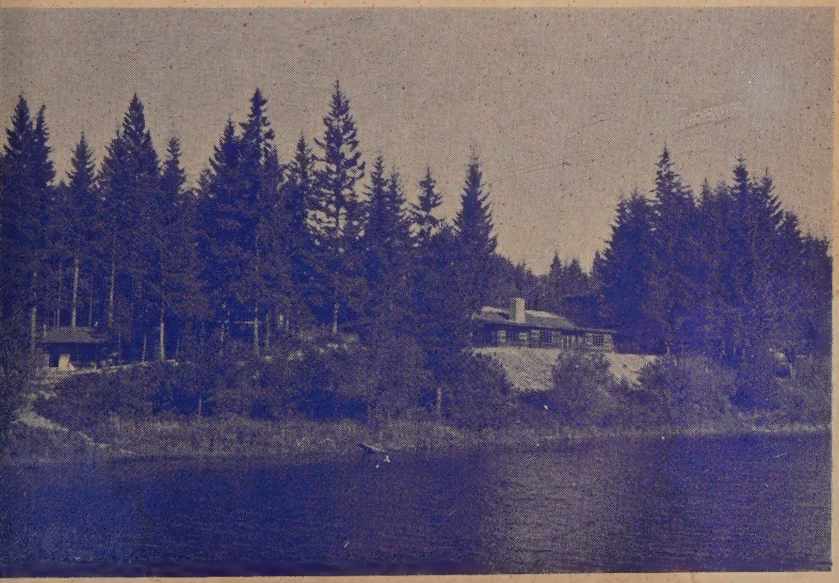
## What Is Evangelism?

A world-renowned layman, John R. Mott, once said, "Evangelism is the process of bringing men and women into vital contact with Jesus Christ." With so many millions of Americans and thousands in our local communities outside of such vital contact, the challenge to our churches is obvious.

There are various methods by which a church may fulfill its evangelistic mission, but all of them must be planned. Make definite plans for this important work in your church program this fall and winter. Your Conference Committee on Evangelism stands ready to aid any churches desiring it in forming such plans or in carrying them out. Write in to the Conference office.

At the General Council in Omaha one of the seminars presented four major needs in the area of Evangelism today: the training of laymen competent to take the Christian message and life to their neighbors and communities; the understanding and use of modern mass media such as radio and TV; a prophetic dealing with the social and world issues of our day as concerns the Gospel; and the achievement of church union to remove the great barrier to evangelism caused by our divisions.

Pictured above is the chapel at Pilgrim Firs. The altar, pulpit and lecturn were built by one of our Seattle laymen and given by the Fireside Fellowship of Plymouth Church. The altar appointments, made of myrtlewood, were given by Atley Nelson of Fairmount Church in memory of his wife Betty. The chapel will seat over eighty and is used by all groups using Pilgrim Firs during the winter months. Below we have the lake shore, first cabin and lodge as seen from a boat on the lake.



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